(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to check such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) An inspection under section 209A of Companies Act, 1956 was carried out in respect of Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Private Limited. Inspection of other related companies was also subsequently ordered. Government will be able to take a view regarding the matter in question only after these inspections have been completed.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above question does not arise.

**Oil wells operated by ONGC in Gujarat**

1499. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil wells operated by Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Gujarat;

(b) the quantum of crude oil produced by each of them during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the quantum of natural gas produced by each of them during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) There are 834 wells operated by ONGC in Gujarat as on 31-1-1987.

(b) The quantum of crude oil produced during the last three years is given below:—

(in million tonnes)

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|---|---|
| 1983-84 | 3·59 |
| 1984-85 | 3·91 |
| 1985-86 | 4·32 |
| 1986-87 (Upto 31-1-87) | 3·77 |

(c) The quantum of natural gas produced during the last three years was as follows:—

| | (In MMm3) |
|---|---|
| 1983-84 | 748 |
| 1984-85 | 775 |
| 1985-86 | 919 |
| 1986-87 (Upto 31-1-87) | 782 |

**Indian Express Newspapers, Bombay**

1500. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd. did not have a Company Secretary from December, 1984 as required under Section 383A of the Companies Act; and

(b) if so, what appropriate action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since the company has appointed a qualified Secretary on 3-2-1986, no further action is considered necessary in the matter.

**Paid-up Capital of Indian Express Private Limited**

1501. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: